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March 30, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: 14,060' Zone, Reservoir B
ESTHER FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 14,060' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated 14060 RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate El Paso Production Company as operator of the proposed unit.
4. To designate its Daniel Picard No. 1 Well as unit well for the proposed unit.
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the 14,060' Zone, Reservoir B, should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing should

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the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

7. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The 14,060' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Esther Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 13,020 feet and 13,804 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Ethyl Oil & Gas Corporation – Aristide Picard No. 1 Well, located in Section 65, Township 14 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002, Telephone Number (504)834-8112.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on March 29, 2006, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the basis for the applicant's proposal. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat, the conference attendance list, and the list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation submitted on behalf of the applicant representing the hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

